

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-272-007 No. The actual "need" for this project has never been proven, especially when recent usage data (2005-09) is not being considered by Excel. The fact is, usage in these years has declined!

I-272-008 Transporting power such a long distance is not an efficient way to provide service.

I-272-009 Many of the proposed routes are not efficient - they do not take the shortest, quickest, logical route.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture

☒ Residential

☐ Conservation Easement

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-272-003

My wife and I have young kids in our family who play and work in the proposed area. There are many well documented safety issues to living, working and playing near these transmission lines.

I-272-004

Being concerned about electrical shock when getting off farm equipment on a daily basis concerns me.

I-272-005

Destroying the viewshed of ^{our} township greatly concerns me!

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-272-006

In our area we have a wonderful natural wildlife habitat along production agriculture. These two have co-existed beautifully. The swath that these transmission lines would create would hugely disrupt both of these.

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Multiple grassroots meetings held in our local community

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-272-001 Is there really a need for increased electrical power supply in our country?

I-272-002 When agriculture has not created the need, why does agriculture have to "pay the price" by the disruption + destroying of farmland have to to transport it?

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I-272-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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I-272-002

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will also be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

I-272-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-272-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-272-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-272-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife and agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-272-007

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-272-008

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-272-009

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.